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Re: New Patent Application of LUONGO, Joseph S. for "Strengthened, Light Weight Construction Board and Method and Apparatus for Making the Same" (C.I.P. of copending U.S. Appln. No. 09/547,615 filed April 12, 2000, which is a C.I.P. of copending U.S. Appln. No. 09/471,448 filed December 23, 1999, which is a C.I.P. of copending U.S. Appln. No. 09/374,589 filed August 13, 1999, which is both based upon Provisional U.S. Appln. No. 60/139,618, and is a C.I.P. of U.S. Appln. No. 09/195,438), Serial No.: to be assigned; Filed: herewith; Our Docket No. 08800/00008.

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/547,615, filed on April 12, 2000 by LOUNGO, Joseph S., entitled "Strengthened, Light Weight Wallboard and Method and Apparatus for Making the Same." Transmitted herewith for filing in the instant application are the following:

1. New patent application: 71 pages total of specification including 2 pages of drawings.
2. One Decelaration & Power of Attorney.
3. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.
4. Our check in the amount of \$767.00 (small entity) to cover filing as calculated below. Applicant hereby asserts that it is entitled to claim small entity status.

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| BASIC FEE   |              |              |  | \$355.00        | \$355.00 | <u>OR</u> | \$690.00        |     |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS   | 48-20=       | 28           |  | X \$9           | \$252.00 |           | X \$18          |     |
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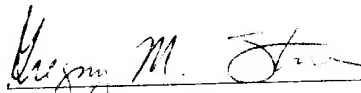
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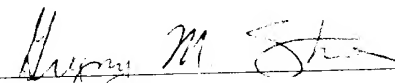
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